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By C. J. HAGGERTY Secretary-Treasurer California State Federation of Labor

Christmas in 1953 calls for a noting of our motives and our

The goals of American labor are clear. We fight for immediate improvements: decent wages, hours, and conditions of work. We fight also for a new social order: a society in which all will be well housed, well fed, well clothed, well trained, and well cared for in hours of need; a society of abundance and a society of

What moves us? It was our recognition of the nature of man that kept us alive in times of dread. The view of labor as a commodity grew as the industrial revolution shaped man in the image

If man was only that, the long struggle would be futile. If he was only that, his violation could never arouse the conscience of the world.

Because we hold that man is something more, we can never despair. We can never retreat. We move only in one direction, because man is before us, crying for bread and liberty. If we deny that call, we deny ourselves.

Let us always admit that cry. Let us continue to mold a world worthy of man.

### Laborers 272 Have Big Meet

Members of Laborers Union 272 Members of Laborers Union 272 turned out in large numbers for ON OFF last week's meeting after officers requested a good attendance for important business on the agenda.

Details of the business transactions were not reported. Local 272, however, did vote fullest support to the Salinas Christmas Party for Children.

Work for union laborers has been slow during this month, officials of Local 272 report. Another big job is winding up near Chualar, where Boyle Construction Co. is near completion of a highway project.

### Laborer Dies, **Big Benefit Paid Widow**

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Thomas Tosta, member of Monterey Laborers Union 690, passed away last week following a short illness, union officials reported. He had been a member of the union for only a brief period.

According to Secretary George E. Jenkins, Bro. Tosta had worked only 408 hours since the new welfare plan became effective. Since he had passed the 400-hour eligi- area, Butler said. bility point, however, his widow was entitled to a death benefit which totaled \$1001.44.

Adding that benefits paid during October to members of Local 690 totaled \$1989.85, Jenkins pointed out the need for all members to make sure that employers are paying into the welfare fund.

Compensation for on-the-job injuries may depend on the speed and accuracy of the report which you must make.

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### Merry Christmas

for all unions here, plus the challenge the President's leaderofficials of the Central Labor Council, Building Trades Council, District Council of ica's allies even though they trade Carpenters, and other coun- with Communist China. cils and labor organizations, have asked that this paper express their wishes to all union people for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and very heart" of America's basic for-Prosperous New Year. (Your eign policy.

# BARBERS 837

New officers have been elected by Salinas Barbers Union, with a new president chosen, Secretary-Treasurer Jimmie Butler Jr. retained, and contests for lesser positions settled.

Elected were:

President - Herbert Ridgeway, succeeding James Foster, who did not seek re-election.

Vice President-Joe Barbera. Recorder-Doss L. Hill.

Secretary-Treasurer - James N. Butler Jr.

Guide-Ray Ferris. Guardian-Guy Falvo.

Members of the union's Finance Committee and the delegates to

the Central Labor Council will be appointed by the new president at the installation meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 19. At the election meeting, first

reading was given to the new bylaws of Local 827. Second reading is in January, with adoption or rejection at the February meeting.

Discussion was held also on a proposal that a working agreement be placed in effect in the Salinas

### **AFL-Administration Breach Widens:** Meany Resigns Position With

### Culinary-Bar Salinas Union

Election of officers was completed last week by Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 355 of Salinas, incumbents returned to office in almost every instance, according to Secretary-Manager Alfred J. Clark.

The officers were elected for two year terms and without opposition. Slate of officers, to be installed Monday, Jan. 11, follows:

President-William E. Eakin. Vice President-Beulah Cassing.

Secretary-Treasurer-A. J. Clark. Executive Board-Bartenders, A. J. Clark and Virgil Knight; Cooks, Bruce Goodwin and Beulah Cassing; Waitresses, Brownie Layne and Leona Hull; Miscellaneous, William Appleby and William Thericult.

Trustees — Bartender, John Rapacky; Cook, Eileen Moorhead; Waitress, Isabelle Poling; Miscellaneous, Solomon Black.

Sergeant-at-Arms - Bruce Goodwin.

Recording Secretary-Neville Twiggs. Chaplain-Rosetta Poor.

Investigating Officer-Rita Schlos-

Labor Council Delegates-George Comeau, William Eakin, A. Clark, Virgil Knight.

### **Moorkead Heads** San Jose CLC

Earl A. Moorhead, executive secretary of Butchers Union 506 which serves this area, has been reelected as secretary-manager of the Central Labor Council in San Jose, the office for a two-year term.

Also elected to a key position by the labor council in San Jose is Fred L. Feci, business agent for Butchers 506. Feci is first vice president of the San Jose body.

### Washington (LPA)—The breach between the national administration and the working public has widened further with the resignation of AFL President George Meany from the Public Advisory Board of the Foreign Operations Administration, to which no CIO representative had ever been appointed. In a letter to FOA Director Har-

old E. Stassen, Meany charged the agency's entire labor program had been "dismantled" and said he could not serve "so long as the vital role of labor in the defense of the free world against Communism is being ignored by the agency entrusted with the task of mutual defense."

The FOA announced early in December the appointment of nine persons, to the advisory board, including Meany, the only labor member. Absent was any representative of the CIO. It was reported then that CIO President Walter P. Reuther had been proposed but that his appointment had been fought bitterly by Sen. Homer Ferguson, Republican from Reuther's state of Michigan, against whom the CIO has campaigned. Senatorial courtesy provides that no person shall be appointed to public office over the objections of a senator from his state.

"MORAL DEFENSE"

Meany pointed out in his letter that the members of the board had been appointed last March 3 but Sessions continued throughout the that it had no meetings until Dec. 2. This "sudden reactivation," he said, led him to review the recent history of the FOA's activities and subsequently to resign.

heart of the defense effort against terms of four years are: Communist aggression. Military defenses are only as strong as the will of those who man them and of the workers who back them up. In the final count, it is the will of the workers in the nations standing with us in the cause of freedom that will prove decisive in making the defense of the free world effective.

"It is the realization of the key role of labor in the success of our entire mutual defense effort that has prompted the AFL insistence on a carefully and strongly devel- Duncan. oped labor program by the FOA. LABOR IGNORED

"This the FOA has not done. On the contrary, virtually the entire labor program of the agency has been dismantled and most of the key labor officers have been discharged. The agency's reports to charged. The agency's reports to the public and to Congress have given no notice of the many problems concerning labor in the development of the program or of the need to meet such problems.

"The evidence at every hand indicates that the FOA is unrespontation or participation of labor in each month. its work. In the constitution of the Public Advisory Board itself, labor was not accorded full participation. distorting the representative character of this board. All of this leads me to conclude that the Foreign Operations Administration is not alive to the role of labor in its program.

"I have concluded that I cannot in good conscience accept membership on the FOA Public Advisory

### **Tuna Pack Due**

Shipment of tuna from distant waters is awaited by Peninsula Packing Co. and members of the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union, according to union officials. Last week's activity on Cannery Row was confined to pack of some anchovies delivered at California Packing Corp. The expected tuna pack will provide some needed Bradstreet reported. work for cannery employees.

### **Teamsters Plan** Holiday Party This Wednesday

"open house" for members and their families will be held by General Teamsters Union 890 at its headquarters at 274 E. Alisal St., Salinas, from noon to 8 p.m. this Wednesday.

Union Secretary William G. Kenon said gifts will be distributed to children who come with their parents. There will be light refreshments, plus an opportunity for members to visit the union office and inspect facilities.

Kenyon was in San Francisco last week for a meeting of Teamster officials and the Truck Owners Association of Northern California. day, with a joint luncheon and dinner, in the first of a series of meetings on mutual problems.

Election of officers was chief business for Teamsters Union 890 "Free labor," he wrote, "is at the at its last meeting. Elected for

President-John Sullivan (prod-

uce driver). Vice President-Richard Pfeiffer (construction driver).

Secretary-Treasurer-William G. Kenvon. Recording Secretary-Ed Peder-

son (creamery employee). Trustees-Artie Martin(3 years), Earl Montgomery (2 years) and

Art Bernard (1 year). Business agents, appointed by the executive board, are Glen Wilkerson, Ray Burditt and Irvin

building trades unions in the Monterey area was held last week on an experimental basis and proved such a success that the agents are sive to the need for either consul- planning to hold regular meetings

Last week's meeting was held at Cerrito's Restaurant in Monterey, with representatives of Monterey Painters, Teamsters, Laborers, Plumbers, Monterey Carpenters and Salinas Carpenters in attendance. Officials of other unions could not be reached in time for the meeting, it was explained.

Purpose of the meeting was to consider problems of the area and to discuss matters of mutual interest. The plan now is to expand meetings on a county-wide basis, alternating between Salinas and Monterey, for mutual benefit.

### **Food Prices Rise** 9c During Week

New York City-Wholesale food prices rose 9 cents during the week ending Dec. 1 to reach their highest level in nine weeks, Dun and

(AFL Release)

Republican ranks were split wide open again when Senate Majority Leader William Knowland declared GOP chieftains in Congress will make "Communism in government" a big issue not only in next year's Congressional elections but also in the Presidential campaign of 1956.

President Eisenhower had emphasized that he expected the issue to be history by the '54 elections. Knowland also sided with Sen. Joseph McCarthy's argument that Officers and office workers the Wisconsin lawmaker did not ship in asking citizens to wire or write Eisenhower in opposition to present U.S. policy of aiding Amer-

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, with the President's full support, denounced McCarthy proposals for economic sanctions against the allies as a blow at "the

editor joins in the wish, tool) Congress will pressure the Administration to toughen that policy,

The Californian also said that top Republicans on Capitol Hill plan to search for "subversive infiltration" back beyond the Truman Administration to that of Franklin Roose-

In that connection he said that "of course" subversion would be an issue "not just in the 1954 elections but in 1956 as well."

"What good will it do to clean the situation up for four years if we are then going to be faced with the same kind of people who were so naive and lax before?" he asked.

When asked whether Congressional investigations would study situations prevailing as far back as 1935, the Senate leader replied in substance that the entire past would be open.

### **New NLRB Policy On Red-Led Unions Overruled by Court**

Washington (LPA) - The Na- to unions with officials under in- out statutory authority" to set the announced it will appeal a federal munist affidavits. court injunction enjoining the board from carrying out a new policy of deferring NLRB services Keech ruled the board was "with-

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new policy, which was put in effect

The injunction was asked by the unaffiliated International Fur and Leather Workers union, whose president, Ben Gold, was indicted on the false affidavit charge late in August, Judge Keech found the NLRB was doing "irreparable injury" to the union in deferring action on its petitions for representation elections.

The NLRB said it had initiated the policy to avoid taking actions that might later have to be invalidated if a union official were convicted on the false affidavit charge. It pointed out that it already had had to cancel two certifications for

Wetback Problem **Conference Subject** 

The wetback problem which led to the illegal entry of one-tenth of the population of Mexico into and to give leadership in sponsorthe United States in the past 10 years, will be the subject of an international trade union conference in Mexico City, H. L. Mitchell, president of the National Agricultural Workers Union, AFL, announced. Mitchell is one of the delegates designated by President George Meany of the AFL to attend the Mexico City conference.

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administration and Congress to adopt a 20-point program "to keep America strong and prosperous.'

More than 1000 delegates from locals all over the nation unanimously adopted at a two-day Full Employment Conference a 17-page resolution urging action "to fill the unmet needs of the American people, to provide for full production and full employment, to insure that America's expanding productive capacity is geared to the needs of the American people and to strengthen our efforts to realize the peacetime hopes and aspirations of free men everywhere, and we call upon President Eisenhower to discharge his responsibilities ing a full-employment program."

The Auto Workers called for (1) legislation to insure the building of 2,000,000 new homes a year, to protect home owners against mortgage gouging and to encourage the mass production of low-cost homes, (2) federal aid to education, via use of the royalties from off-shore oil, to build and improve school facilities and increase teachers' salaries, (3) an adequate health program, including the construction of thousands of new hospitals and health centers, and the en-

Washington (LPA)-The United actment of federal legislation to Auto Workers has called on the implement the recommendations of the President's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation.

(4) The launching of a comprehensive federal and state highway construction program, (5) plans to overcome the shortage of parking facilities everywhere, (6) the harnessing of the power of the nation's rivers for flood control and the generation of power along the lines of the TVA, (7) the end of all racial, religious and national discrimination on the job front, (8) a federal farm program to provide full equity for working farmers,
(9) extension of and increases in unemployment insurance and the elimination of long delays and unelimination of long delays and un-reasonable disqualifications that mar the present program, (10) raising minimum wages and ex-tending their coverage, (11) in-creasing and extending social security coverage, (12) a tax pro-gram based on ability to pay, with a personal exemption of \$1000, (13) legislation to provide a national moratorium of debts and installment payment loans for people who have been laid off or are ' unemployed through no fault of their own.

(14) Action by the President to implement the Employment Act of 1946, (15) revision by Congress of that act "to square (it) with the economic facts of life in 1953," (16) the calling by the President as early as possible of a "broad representative conference of industry, labor, agriculture, consumers and government to draft a practical worksheet for full employment and full production," (17) aid to underdeveloped countries to develop their own economic resources, (18) strengthening the United Nations, (19) the establishment of a UN Fund for Economic and Social Construction, toward which the U. S. shall contribute 2 per cent of its expanding gross national product, to fight poverty, hunger, ignorance and disease, and (20) an international Fair Labor Standards treaty to bar from trade among free nations goods produced at wages and conditions below a minimum standard.

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Steelworkers Local 2666 at the Griffin Wheel Plant knocked off work early, attended party thrown by management. Celebration marked receiving of fifth safety award, the result of 1054 days without an accident.

PENSIONER AIDS UNION

Northampton, Mass. (LPA)-The strike fund of Branch 12 American Federation of Hosiery Workers was boosted by \$50 because a pensioned member who had "lived union" won that amount as a union prize. John Gilligan attended a meeting of the branch as an honorary member and when his number was called he turned the prize over to the fund.

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### Ruling Victory for Consumers, Blow To Oil-Gas Lobby Washington (LPA) - The na- law, which Eisenhower signed. It effect can legislate, without any

tion's consumers won, and the na- has already served notice it wants mandate from Congress. tion's oil lobby lost, when the Supreme Court let stand a lower court ruling that the Federal Power Commission has the authority to regulate rates of producers of natural gas.

The decision means millions of dollars saved for the nation's consumers, but the victory may be short-lived, for what the Supreme Court has done can be undone by Congress. And with "business in the saddle," as Interior Secretary Mc-Kay proudly declared recently, the oil lobby can collect this second installment of its bill to the Eisenhower Administration.

The oil lobby contributed heavily to the GPO campaign, and the first payoff was the oil give-away

### State Federation Marns Unions on Tax Exemptions

(State Fed. Release) G. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, this week reminded affiliated unions of new tax exemption requirements enacted by the 1953 general session of the state legislature.

At that session, a law was enacted requiring that any individual or organization requesting a tax exemption be required, in order to obtain such exemption, to sign and file a non-Communist affidavit.

Haggerty stated that this requirement is particularly important to labor unions since most of such organizations claim exemptions from the corporation tax under the

State Franchise Tax Department. He further revealed that contact with this department had indicated that specific exemption procedures have not as yet been formulated but the State Federation has requested that it be informed as soon as the data is available.

Haggerty declared that although the 1953 session of the legislature also enacted into law a provision excluding unions with a gross income of \$25,000 or less from the filing requirements, the State Franchise Tax Department indirectes that for the purpose of obtaining an exemption—as distinct from filing financial statements the affidavit requirement is applicable to all unions regardless of the maximum gross amount of their income.

Congress to pass a law to overturn the decision.

The test case was on Phillips Petroleum, one of the giants of the oil-gas industry. The FPC, after stalling for years, finally took up the Phillips case, and decided it had no rate jurisdiction. That left the way open for the natural gas companies to charge whatever the traffic would bear. Several midwest states appealed, and the Court of Appeals reversed the FPC. The Supreme Court refused to review the decision.

The story goes back to the Truman Administration. While the Phillips case was pending, Congress passed the Kerr bill, sponsored by the oil lobby, declaring the FPC had no power to regulate the natural gas companies. Truman vetoed that bill. The FPC then finally took up the Phillips case, decided it had no jurisdiction. The cities of Detroit, Milwaukee, Kansas City, Mo., Wayne, Mich., and Wisconsin and Michigan appealed to the courts and won. Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, and the FPC itself, also appealed, on the other side.

Phillips argued that the Natural Gas Act applied to pipeline companies only, but the Appeals Court decided that Phillips sells to pipeline companies and that

brought it under FPC regulation. The pipeline companies are now regulated, so that their rates are subject to review. But if corporations like Phillips may charge the pipeline companies whatever they please, the pipeline companies, with justice, could seek and get higher rates, on the plea that prices they pay had risen. Thus the consumer of natural gas would have no protection, despite the fact that the pipeline companies are

regulated, The FPC decision that it had no jurisdiction over Phillips rates illustrated the little-known fact that a federal regulatory body also in

Even if any effort to have Congress nullify the Supreme Court decision fails, the FPC can still soak the consumers by deciding that the present Phillips rates are fair-or can even grant Phillips

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### The GOP's Two Wings

On the same day that Secretary of State Dulles told the nation that Senator McCarthy had attacked "the very heart" of United States foreign policy, Republican Senate Majority Leader Knowland was describing the Wisconsin Senator to a Los Angeles audience as "a sincere and devoted American."

This was not just a case of bad timing or a mere mix-up in signals by the backfield of the Administration's "team."

Knowland made that clear when he arrived in Washington a few days later to prepare for the opening of the second session of the 83d Congress on Jan. 6. He repudiated, as McCarthy had done before, President Eisenhower's insistence that the "Communists-in-Government" issue would be dead by the time of the Congressional campaign next year. More than that, he sided with McCarthy against Dulles on the issue of cracking down on our allies who continue to trade with Red China.

This is not just another irresponsible Senator talking. Knowland is the duly chosen leader of the Republican majority in the United States Senate.

Thus it becomes clear for the nation to see that there is a wide cleavage between the Eisenhower wing and the isolationist wing in the GOP. It will take more than the appointment of a new public relations expert by the White House to get those two wings to function harmoniously together on the great national and international issues facing the next session of Congress.

### An Honorable Man

Senator McCarthy, in his fulsome effort to dissociate himself from any thought of undercutting President Eisenhower, was moved to remark: "I think President Eisenhower is an honorable man."

The phrase is familiar.

It has the same ring as the description of Brutus by Mark Anthony in the funeral oration in Shakespeare's Julius Caesar —just after Brutus had done Caesar in.—Washington Post.

### The Price of Slums

The United States Municipal News reports that although slums constitute 20 per cent of America's metropolitan residential areas, they account for:

Thirty-three per cent of the population, 45 per cent of the major crimes, 55 per cent of the juvenile delinquency, 50 per cent of the arrests, 60 per cent of the tuberculosis victims, 35 per cent of the fires, 45 per cent of the city service costs and only 6 per cent of real estate tax revenues.

Public housing and slum clearance is the answer to this. Far from being "creeping Socialism," it represents the best traditions of the American way of life because it pays off in wealth, health and the nation's general welfare.

Private builders and realtors have not, will not and cannot do the job. It is up to the government—meaning all the people. More specifically, it is up to Congress.

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### Same Old Stuff

President Eisenhower's latest statement on Administration plans for amendment of the Taft-Hartley Act, contained in his message to the CIO national convention is more of the same old stuff. If you want to know my program, the President said in effect, wait till next year.

# He Has Security! Why Should You?

By LANE KIRKLAND

In his recent public speeches, Congressman Curtis (R., Neb.) has adopted an old but still reliable technique to lay the groundwork for the forthcoming report of his subcommittee on Social Security. First, he assumes an air of lofty objectivity and pious intent. Then, from behind this facade, he throws out to his audience a series of prejudicial, "have-you-stopped-beating-your-wife" type "questions" about Social

Security, all well-calculated to plant the seeds of doubt and suspicion.

"All I want is the facts," he says,
"I have an open mind." And as he
busily whets his meat axe, he protests: "I just want to 'improve'
the system!" Perhaps he protests
too much.

In action—as opposed to oration—Curtis and his hand-picked staff have studiously avoided the really fruitful areas of inquiry, electing instead to go smear-fishing in the muddy waters about the fringes of the Social Security program. The subcommittee has been used to dredge up an assortment of trivia and trumpery, to "prove" a proposition upon which Curtis' mind

closed like a bear-trap years ago—that social insurance is "unmoral," and that the dole should be the end of life's long labor.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS

As its best friends would testify—if Curtis were to give them the chance, which he didn't—there are many ways in which Social Security can and should be improved. Benefit levels should be raised; the wage base should be broadened; disability benefits should be included, etc. Yet one looks through the record in vain for evidence of any interest in these pressing Social Security issues.

It is impossible to discern any

clear road to genuine "improvement" through the heavy fog laid down in the hearings conducted by the subcommittee, nor can much be found to justify the expenditure of \$100,000 of public funds.

A review of the main lines of inquiry pursued by Curtis will show their scope and slant, and the mental contributions through which he is going in the effort to rationalize a long-standing prejudice:

(1) An inquiry into the accuracy of the Census Bureau's long-range forecasts of population growth. Apparently, the intent here was to suggest that the errors to which projections into the future are subject call into question the wisdom of long-range planning and financing for a social insurance system. The fact that such doubts would apply with equal validity (if any) to commercial insurance, or even individual savings, was lightly disregarded. Curtis thus stands forth as an advocate of grasshopper economics as a basis for public policy.

INQUIRY ON VETERANS

(2) An inquiry into Social Security benefits paid to persons residing abroad. Despite the fact that such individuals comprise only one-half of 1 per cent of all benefit recipients, Curtis advanced this as proof of "the emerging global nature of Social Security"—in the apparent hope of thereby channeling some of the ire of the antiforeign isolationist element against Social Security.

Persons in this category are

either (a) American citizens who chose to travel or live abroad after retirement; or (b) aliens who had worked in the United States for American employers and had paid part of their wages into the Social Security system. In the first case, it is none of Curtis' business where a free American elects to travel or live, be it Kalamazoo or Timbuctu. In the second case, to suggest that anyone working in the U, S. for an American employer should not receive the benefit of American standards is scabbism.

(3) An inquiry into the field of veterans' benefits. Curtis seemed 2,000,000 with GG.

distressed that persons with war service in the armed forces could often qualify for veterans' pensions as well as Social Security. He denied, however, that he was against veterans. He is not against mother-hood, either—though he does take a dim view of the man-eating shark,

(4) An interrogation of a number of state relief administrators—normally a fruitful source of gripes against Uncle Sugar. Some of Curtis' loaded questions backfired, however, when witnesses declared that their relations with the Federal government were fine, and that their states could not maintain a relief program without the aid of federal grants.

To get the answers he wanted, Curtis had to import a ringer in the person of one Philip Vogt, a county relief administrator in Curtis' home state of Nebraska. Vogt's testimony was virtually a carbon copy of the Curtis-Schlotterbeck-Chamber of Commerce line. The loving care with which he had been groomed and curried for his appearance by Curtis' staff was revealed when an over-zealous staff member handed out an advance press release reporting Vogt's testimony under questioning before the questions had either been asked or answered—a questionable procedure, at best.

GRILL ALTMEYER

(5) An extended grilling of Arthur Altmeyer, former Social Security Administrator and chief architect of the social insurance system. Not to be outdone by Velde and other subpoena-happy Republicans, Curtis summoned Altmeyer before his tribunal like a low malefactor under threat of contempt proceedings—though Altmeyer had previously declared his willingness to testify on any issue of substance. This procedure is in accord with the current practice whereby the political victims of the victorious party are paraded in figurative chains before the public, as in the days of early Romecontrary to the usual American concepts of fair play.

The object of the subcommittee's

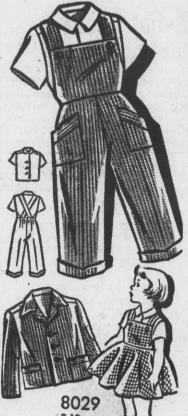
The object of the subcommittee's "brain-washing" effort—through a seven-hour barrage of rapid-fire questions—was to break down Altmeyer's resistance to Curtis' shrill contention that social insurance is not "insurance," that Social Security is not a "right," and that the only real "rights" are those set forth in commercial contracts.

The experiment was not a success, though Curtis—who, as chairman, enjoyed the privilege of the last word—claimed a triumph. Curtis refused Altmeyer's request to be permitted to state his own views as to how and where real improvements might be made in the Social Security program.

Thus have the New Deal and the Fair Deal given way to the Ordeal.

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Try, Try Again Hoover . . .

Former President Herbert Hoover recently announced the appointment of the men who will assist him in his work of reorganizing the government. The list includes five bankers, two magazine publishers, one university official and the balance are insurance officials or executives of giant corporations. Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks, speaking in the Northwest on Oct. 19, said: "Herbert Hoover is back in government once more. He did it before and he can do it again."

Congratulations . . .

The Bureau of National Affairs of Washington, D. C., an enlightened business organization, is providing its members with folders explaining Social Security to its employes. Understandably written and designed to be placed in the workers' envelopes, these folders are in marked contrast to the distorted propaganda handed out to wage earners by many companies. The BNA folder is entitled "Partners in Protection," and it tells the wage earner exactly how both employe and employer share in the creation of Social Security benefits. It points out that Social Security is a sound, proven insurance program.

Hitting the Ceiling . . .

Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey is saying that he inherited the ceiling on the national debt from the Democrats. Poor Mr. Humphrey . . . he borrows and borrows, but it seems that he can't spend his way out of debt.

Ambassadors in Overalls Badly Needed by U.S.

Boston (LPA)—The "best brains" the kind of december 1.

ion with being responsible for in-

Addressing the 15th annual convention of the Massachusetts CIO tures. Council, Rieve said: "The 'best brains' have been so busy worrying about the welfare of big business, increasing interest rates and giving away our natural resources, that they have forgotten about the including the island of Berlin, people who make our system work there is no internal Communist

"The big business men, in and out of Washington, have forgotten they cannot get along by taking in each other's washing. They need us organized workers, the unorganized workers, the white collar workers, professionals and small business men. Unless we buy, unless we consume, unless we have confidence, the whole economy breaks down."

Pointing out that in the final quarter of the year economic indices normally rise, he said that in 1953 everything was "going down" -everything, that is, except three little items: unemployment, inventories, and the cost of living," and they were all going up.

Attacking the Taft-Hartley Act Dump Pegler as "a law that is neutral against organizing," Rieve said: "If the Eisenhower Administration will live up to its own words, and-by writing a new labor law-encourage unions in the same way it encourages business, we won't need any special commissions to study the migration of industry or the drop in purchasing power. There won't be any migration and there won't be any drop in purchasing power."

The Republican Party, he declared, has created a "Communists in government diversion instead of dealing with economic problems or with other realities." People of Europe, Asia and Africa, he pointed out, are not greatly concerned about U.S. profits and dividends; "they want to know how our workers are getting along, and that is the standard by which they judge us.

"Every time a union is the victim of employer attack, or for that matter of government attack, we lose ground in the world struggle against Communism. Therefore this so-called neutrality of the Administration toward labor at home has the effect of undermin-

ing our objectives abroad." Victor Reuther, administrative aide to his brother, CIO President Walter Reuther, and until recently CIO representative in Europe, called upon the Administration to "appoint a man in overalls as roving ambassador to show the enemies of America that we practice matches.

of the Eisenhower Administration which we speak." He told the were charged by President Emil 625 delegates representing 200,000 Rieve of the Textile Workers Un- members it is imperative that we demonstrate to the rest of a becreased unemployment, layoffs and wildered world that our interests Their representatives also visit are in the plight of the common more remote communities on man and not in commercial ven-schedules that are available at man and not in commercial ven-

> "Over the world where there are free democratic trade unions, ble, a letter or a phone call is sufstrong and organized," he said, ficient to initiate the necessary "there is no problem of Communism. Even in divided Germany, movement at work because the leaders of the democratic free trade unions have rooted the Communists out."

Military agreements, he warned, are "not sufficient by themselves to defeat the enemies of the U.S." side they are on-ours or the side of the totalitarian nations.

"We should not put forward as ambassadors those demagogues who are not real Americans, because then bewildered people will not choose to follow the democratic world."

(State Dept. Release)

are getting fed up with West-Weekly News-Reporter revealed last week in a synopsis of an article in Editor and Publisher, journal of the newspaper industry.

Among papers dumping Pegler, the Peoria Journal said there was too much diatribe on the same old subjects." The Deseret News of Salt Lake City found "not enough of his stuff printable to justify the cost." The Atlanta Constitution claimed studies showed "the column had little following." The Slum Families Unhoused Ohio Sate Journal at Columbus cut was too "voluminous."

Editor William Smart of the Deseret News said: "This newspaper prides itself on being a fam- ing. ily newspaper. We try to keep our columns clean."

(Ed. Note: Now how about Fulton Lewis, Jr., and some of the other hate peddlers?)

### Gal Gets Deer

Tulsa, Okla. (LPA)-A single shot from her rifle and Laura (Josie) Hall had bagged her first deer. A precision tool grinder at and a member of the Auto Work-



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Lack of information and misinformation are twin hazards that are met in every walk of life. Usually when one or the other is found, the individual concerned suffers some kind of loss. In the administration of the old age and survivors insurance program of the Social Security Act, these twin hazards can result in the actual loss of one or more months of retirement or survivor benefit pay-

Knowledge of your rights and responsibilities under the law can pay real dividends in the form of prompt and complete payment of any claim for benefits. The law establishes the right of every retired insured individual, certain members of his family, or survivors of a deceased covered worker to receive social security insurance benefits if they meet certain requirements. These benefits must be requested by the claimant and kind of democracy about under no circumstances will they be paid automatically. To facilitate these claims, the Social Security Administration has field offices situated in all population centers. post offices. If a personal visit to a social security office isn't possiaction and safeguard the potential benefits.

Most employers keep their workers up to date on retirement plans and social security payments. Once their retirement date is set, or in case of physical inability to resume work after age 65, an inquiry or visit to the nearest social security office is advisable. While the amended law provides for a six months period of grace to file and "billions of human beings around the world have not yet of people, through lack of information delay mation or misinformation, delay beyond that period. The longer the delay, the more extensive the loss in monthly payments.

There is a major reason why these claims for monthly benefits should be filed as soon as possible following retirement or death. Social security payments are intended to replace in part the wages or self-employment income lost upon termination of employment, selfemployment, or death, and to help bridge this major economic gap. It must also be appreciated that it Numerous American newspapers takes time to process and start payments on original claims. The brook Pegler's rantings, the AFL sooner the application is made, the sooner payments can be made. The answer, obviously, is to file your claim as soon as possible, or be sure to inquire before you retire.

Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone OYpress 2-2480.

### **AFL Scores Leaving**

Washington (LPA) - The AFL Pegler to "save money," and the has objected to use of federal Dallas Morning News because he funds for slum clearance and urban redevelopment unless families displaced by such projects have "def-inite assurance" of adequate hous-

The AFL's views were presented to President Eisenhower's Advisory Committee on Housing by Boris Shishkin, secretary of the AFL Housing Committee.

"One of the most important problems involved in urban redevelopment," Shishkin said, "is what is to happen to the families who are forced to move from dwellings which are to be cleared or rehabilitated. Slum dwellers are of limthe Douglas Aircraft Plant here ited means and are unable to obtain adequate housing that they ers, she's placed high in rifle club can afford elsewhere in the com-

Frank Edwards Declares-

### **Auto Batteries** To Outlast Car Kept out of U.S.

Washington (LPA) - An auto battery that will outlast your car has been kept out of this country for nearly 40 years by an international cartel, Frank Edwards, AFL radio news commentator, told the nation.

He quoted an article in the magazine Cars which said these batteries are now being used by the Justice Department took action military and by bus companies, and against the Electric Storage Batwill soon be in production for civilian use.

The battery, made in Europe, and used all over the world, but not in America, has cadmium plates instead of the lead plates in American batteries, and according to the magazine will last 15 to 20 years, will hold its charge even UNION AIDS COMMUNITY when used for months at a time, requires water only about once every 10,000 miles, is not damaged by freezing, starts an engine faster than any other battery on the market, is not damaged by within the ranks of labor but also overcharging, eliminates the prob-

lem of sulphation, requires aimost no maintenance.

Edwards noted that in 1945 the

tery Co. of Philadelphia, which the magazine dubbed the American end of the cartel, and that in 1947 the firm consented to a federal court order to break up the cartel, but the firm still does not make these nickel cadmium batteries.

El Dorado, Kan. (LPA)-On the 20th anniversary of Local 241, Oil Workers, the El Dorado daily paper praised the local for achieving "measurable standing not only



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No Commies in Texas Unions, Red Hunters Disappointed

Austin, Tex. (LPA)—Over the objections of William J. TEACHER UNION MEMBERS Harris, president of the Texas Federation of Labor, the Texas HELP PREPARE FOR Industrial Commission spent three days trying to find com- CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY munists in the state's labor unions. It was disappointed.

Harris announced after the hearing that, in spite of vague ref-erences by ex-communist witnesses about threatened communist infiltration, not a single witness was able to name even one communist in Texas labor.

jected to the investigation because the commission was set up to look into disputes between employers Jersey Federation of Labor opand workers and had no legal au- poses any attempts to "freeze" the thority to get into the field of investigating communism.

He suggested as the hearings began that the commission stick to the business it was set up for and investigate the Port Arthur strike of 450 workers against 22 department stores, hotels and cafes there. But Commission Chairman C. E. Fulgham ruled the body had no authority to go into that dispute.

Charges of communist domination in the Port Arthur situation, made by Gov. Allan Shivers and Attorney General John Ben Sheppard, had been the original excuse used by the commission for the reds-in-unions probe.

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### New Jersey AFL Opposes 'Freeze' The Texas AFL head had ob- Of Social Security

Newark, N. J. (LPA)-The New present Social Security rate or put the program on a "pay-as-you-go" basis, as proposed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Louis P. Marciante, state federation head, called on the state's Congressmen and Senators Smith and Hendrickson to fight both proposals. "The greatest danger" in the Chamber scheme, said Marciante, "is that such a system would wipe out the reserve funds."

The present rate of 11/2 per cent is due to go to 2 per cent Jan. 1. This increase, Marciante said, is needed "to insure the solvency" of the Social Security system and maintain a trust fund for payments of old age benefits. "We must bear in mind," he said, "that official estimates show about 10 million Americans will be drawing Social Security benefits in 1960, contrasting with the 3.8 million who are drawing payments now. "He said unless the contribution rate is raised now, the trust fund will show a deficit by 1960.

(In Washington Lowell Mellett, syndicated columnist, predicted that unless there is serious unemployment, labor will be likely to fight hardest next summer against efforts to weaken the Social Security system. "This is being made clear," he wrote, "by the labor press and by the political literature pouring out weekly to the millions of members of labor unions.")

### **Dividend Payments** Up as Much as 23% Over Like Period in '52

Washington (LPA) - The nation's corporations paid out in dividends in September 1953 6 percent more than they paid out in September 1952. For the first nine months of 1953 they paid out 41/2 percent more than in the same period in 1952. Payments ranged as high as 23 percent above the first nine months of 1952.

Publicly reported cash dividend. \$6.045 billion. Manufacturing corporation dividends were up 1½ percent, non-manufacturing up 8 per-

The transportation equipment industry hiked dividends 16 percent. percent: for gas companies, 23 percent; electric light and power, 11 percent; communications, 16 percent. Only categories under 1952 were textiles and leather, nonferrous metals, and mining.

### Movies at New Low-In Jobs for Actors

Hollywood (LPA) - The motion. picture industry has sunk to "anall-time low" in number of films being produced in this country, the AFL Screen Actors Guild reported at its annual meeting. Blamed were "increase in production abroad by American and other interests of pictures aimed for the American market" and new forms of movie presentation, referred to in the report as "technological evolution" from so-called "flat" pictures.

Walter Pidgeon was reelected president without opposition together with the entire administration slate of offcers including Leon Ames, John Lund, William Holden, Paul Harvey and George Chandler.

To make a long story short don't tell it.

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the Central Labor Union to put on answer to radicalism or reaction, its annual Children's Christmas Party were: John Lewis, who acted as master of ceremonies, and Janet Barber and several assistants Our answer to extermism is rewho filled candy bags. The party was held in the Palma School NERGORD WINS BUICK Auditorium on December 19. COMMUNIST vs. A.F. L.

METHODS FOR IMPROVING WORKING CONDITIONS

the newspapers, the Communists claim that the workers cannot improve their condition much until after a violent revolution to take control of society away from the wealthy.

In a speech delivered at the convention of the California Federation of Teachers at Oakland, on November 27, President Ben Rust denied the idea expressed in the preceding paragraph, saying:

. . Remove the causes of discontent, open the channels for redress of grievances and you are

### 42,000 Get Raise **Under New Minimums** For N. Y. Retail Trade

New York (LPA)-Under a new state minimum wage order for the retail trade 42,000 store employes will receive pay increases averaging \$1.50 a week. The order goes into effect December 28, just too late to help workers the stores hire during the Christmas shopbing season.

The new minimum wage will be 75 cents an hour in this city, 70 cents in nearby Nassau and Westchester counties, and all communities with a population of more than 10,000, and 65 cents in the rest of the state. The old rate was 521/2 cents, established in 1947. Overtime pay at time and a half will start after 40 hours in the first two zones, after 45 hours in communities of under 10,000.

About two-thirds of the employes whose pay will be boosted by the order work in this city, the office of Industrial Commissioner Edward Corsi estimated. However, it was "expected" that a general lifting of income levels in the state's entire retail trade industry, which employs 600,000 persons, would follow.

The revised order approved by Corsi was based on majority recommendations of a wage board that first met in February. Labor members and leaders protested against payments so far this year came to the minimums when they were \$6.045 billion. Manufacturing corporosed, said they were "peon" wages.

### CLOGGED MUFFLER

A clogged muffler may cause an automobile engine to be sluggish. For railroads the increase was 12 and perform poorly due to back pressure in the exhaust system. This is one of the first things to have checked if your car has lost its pep.

> Clarence the Retail Clerk says he wonders how long it will be before obsolete A-bombs will start showing up in war surplus stores!

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doing more to fight Communism than the accomplishments of all the investigating bodies combined. Teacher union members helping This has always been labor's and it shall always be the most fundamental concept in the operation of our democratic system. form and redress of grievances."

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-FRED CLAYSON

### AFL. CiO to Testify On Outlawing Bias in Hiring

Washington (LPA)-The AFL and CIO have accepted invitations from Sen. Irving M. Ives (R., NY) to testify at hearings on a bill to outlaw racial and religious discrimination in employment, but the response from other groups has been disappointing, Ives said.

His Senate Labor Subcommittee has set hearings for Jan. 12-21 on FEP legislation. Ives sent out 29 invitations to groups Nov. 20 but less than half had replied by Dec. 8, he said, and of those "less than half a dozen indicated a willing-ness to testify."

### **ILO's Morse Visits Egypt and Italy**

Cairo, Egypt (LPA)-David A. Morse, director general of the International Labor Organization, conferred here with officials of the Egyptian government and a number of employer representatives and trade union officials.

He also visited the industrial school at Heliopolis, proposed location of a planned Egyptian vocational training and vocational cen-ter. En route to Egypt from ILO headquarters in Geneva, he stopped off in Rome to visit with Italian

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### SALINAS—Home of California Rodeo

# Corporation Profits Keep Rising, but U.S. Gets Less

Washington (LPA) - While corporation profits keep rising, corporation tax collections are plummeting. Frank Edwards, AFL radio commentator, said they are down by more than \$1 billion a month, and blamed it largely on the rapid tax amortization handouts.

The Revenue Bureau, as an economy move," has dropped 150 field auditors since July, and has also dropped 70 revenue agents who examine corporate tax re-

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Edwards cited the remark of Joseph Fisher, president of the Reading Railroad, as quoted in the Wall Street Journal. Fisher said the Reading had a net of \$121/2 million this year, almost \$1 million over 1952, and added that "it should be remembered that tax savings through accelerated amortization will amount to something over \$3 million for 1953 and will probably be more next year." (The Association of American Railroads has estimated that profits of Class I railroads for the first 10 months of 1953 are 17 per cent above the

1952 like period.)
The utilities were doing fine, too, as were lots and lots of other corporations. Hormel, for the fiscal year ended Oct. 31, had a profit of \$3.02 million against \$2.14 million the year before. Food Fair Stores for 28 weeks ended Nov. 7 had a net of \$2.82 million against \$2.4 million in the like period last year. Allied Stores (12 months ended Oct. 31) had \$12.2 million

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against \$10.1 million.

Burlington Mills paid taxes of \$11.9 million against \$7.8 million last year, but its net profit for the year ended Oct. 31 was \$10.8 million against \$8.6 million last

Profits of American Car & Foundry for six months ended Sept. 30 were \$4.22 million against \$3.88 million in 1952; Canadian Car & Foundry, for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, had a profit of \$2.21 million against \$1.60 million the year

Sherwin-Williams of Canada ended its fiscal year Aug. 31 with a profit of \$1,195,095 against \$585,-554 the year before. Dana Corporation (auto parts), for the fiscal year ended Aug. 31 had a profit of \$11.1 million against \$9.6 million a year ago, although its taxes jumped from \$14.5 million to \$18.6 million. York Corp., for the year ended Sept. 30, had \$2.74 million against \$2.54 a year ago. Dominion Glass Co., for the same fiscal year, had \$1.74 million against \$1.44 million.

Hilton Hotels, for nine months, had \$4.28 million against \$3.1 million in 1952. Champion Paper, for six months ended Sept. 30, had a net of \$5.11 million against \$4.55 million in 1952. A. O. Smith, makers of frames and parts for autos, netted \$1,103.045 for the quarter ended Oct. 31, against \$608,047 in the same period in 1952.



Bethesda, Md. (LPA)-It is impossible to separate completely the health functions of state and federal governments in terms of financial support, according to Nelson. A. Rockefeller, Under-secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

He addressed the 52nd annual conference of state and territorial granted previously. health officials at the National Institutes of Health, and reassured them that federal grants to states would not be eliminated.

Rockefeller said "The kind of tax system under which the govern-ments are now financed places much of the total tax-paying ability of the country in a limited Return for More number of states. Other states lack the resources to carry on, unaided, Quick Tax Wifeoffs some of the most essential services. In those states where the income is lowest, many of the needs for health services are greatest.

"Here the nation as a whole has the responsibility-particularly for strengthening those state and local public health services of national and interstate significance."

The states and the federal government are interdependent in Dec. 1, the railroad got three the fight on health hazards, said Rockefeller, citing such special problems as migratory labor. He laid down this rule: "Maximum opportunity for state decision, and minimum federal control."

Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, said that combined current expenditures, federal, state, local and voluntary, on public health work "fall far short of the amount needed" to give the people full advantage of modern medical

Tramburg Named to Security Commission

John W. Tramburg, executive director of the Wisconsin department of public welfare since 1950, has been appointed by President Eisenhower as commissioner of Social Security in the Health, Education and Welfare Department.

# **ALTMEYER HITS**

man Carl Curtis (R., Neb.) of a House Ways and Means subcommittee of placing the Old Age and Survivors' Insurance system in

Altmeyer, known as the "father of Social Security," charged that the subcommittee was conducting "biased investigation" of the

### HANDLED ROUGHLY

The former Social Security Commissioner had ben subpoenaed to testify before the group and was handled so roughly by its counsel, Robert Winn, that two committee Democrats, Herman Eberharter (Pa.) and John Dingell (Mich.), asserted that Winn was "trying to browbeat the witness."

A long line of rapid-fire ques-tions thrown at Altmeyer by counsel apparently was intended to show that the government had no "contractual" obligation to pay social insurance benefits and that Congress could change the law at

any time.
"I think you are doing more to destroy the confidence of the American people in the Social Se-curity system than anyone else except the chairman of this committee," Altmeyer charged.

He quoted a statement Curtis made in 1949 terming the present system "unsound."

Altmeyer, who was fired from his commissioner's post by the Eisenhower Administration, said it was "inconceivable" to him that Congress would take away old age and survivors' retirement benefits. He termed them "a statutory right, enforceable by law" and argued that was better protection than a contract.

### FAITH IN CONGRESS

"I have more faith in Congress than you do," he told Curtis and Winn.

He insisted that the Social Security program was even more valid than a "contract" of the type entailed in private insurance because "the full faith and credit of the United States is behind it."

Curtis and Winn claimed that what Congress grants it can take away and pointed out that it already had modified certain benefits

Altmeyer replied that in revising the law, Congress always had liberalized it by providing "more valuable rights."

### **Gravy Train Riders**

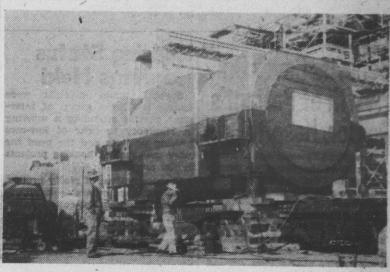
Washington (LPA)—Union Pacific Railroad, U.S. Steel Corp., Bethlehem Steel and General Electric, all frequent riders on the gravy train, came back for more of those quick writeoff allowances. Of the 52 "certificates of necessity" covering facilities valued at \$85,166,440 announced by the Office of Defense Mobilization on worth \$35,082,440.

Big Steel can depreciate during five years, instead of the normal lifetime period of the equipment, half of \$17,740,000 to be invested in a plant at Vandergrift, Pa.

Bethlehem's grant was for \$11,-630,000 to produce metallurgical coke at Lackawanna, N. Y., and tin plate at Sparrows Point, Md.

General Electric's two certificates were for production of high voltage switch-gear at Philadelphia and military research and development at Schnectady, N. Y., at a cost of \$4,107,750. Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, which also has received similar favors in the past, was down for another \$6,746,000, while Warren Foundry & Pipe Corp., Rockaway Town-ship, N. J., can write off 65 per cent of \$1,967,244 for iron ore fa-

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### Labor News

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### **Benefits Cover Only** A Fifth of Patient's Doctor, Hospital Bill

Less than 20 cents out of every dollar that the American people spend for doctor and hospital bills are paid for with insurance benefits.

The Department of Commerce studies of consumer expenditures indicated that total expenditures for health and medical care last year totaled \$10.8 billion. During the same period, according to estimates of the Health Insurance Council of New York City, total health insurance benefit payments in the U.S. were \$2.1

Total hospital costs of all people last year, the council said, were \$2.4 billion. Sixty-one percent of the people carried hospital insurance. Their benefit payments for hospitalization amounted to \$1.2 billion, or onehalf of the national bill.

The council revealed that 48 per cent of the U.S. population is covered with surgical insurance, and only 24 per cent is covered with medical insurance, which includes doctors' fees.

REPORT immediately all safety HAZARDS!

### **Housing Status Hearings Held**

among the large group of interested parties attending a meeting in Monterey to hear of low-cost housing projects and the need for more government housing projects in the area.

Representatives of realty groups, developers, and others spoke in opposition to any low-cost housing program, while labor leaders said there is a need for rental units at a lower price than now available, for use by lower-paid workers.

### **Baldwin, Eide** Travel to S.F.

Two carpenter business agents traveled to San Francisco last week on important union business. They went to confer with Joseph Cambiano, international representative for carpenters.

Making the trip were Harvey B. Baldwin, business agent of Salinas Local 925, and Thomas Eide, business agent of Monterey Local 1323. They will report to their unions at next meetings.

The death rate from polio is dropping steadily, thanks to prog-ress made possible by March of tive Representative E. C. Hallbeck. dropping steadily, thanks to prog-Dimes-supported research. From 1938 through 1942, 11 of every 100 persons who contracted polio died of the disease. At last report, the death rate was down to 6 per 100.

### **POSTAL CLERKS** ASK BETTER JOB RELATIONS

(AFL Release)
Washington.—Officers of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, AFL, told Assistant Postmaster General Eugene J. Lyons that current machinery for labormanagement consultation is "impossibly obsolete and ineffective." They welcomed the establishment of the Bureau of Personnel as making possible a new era in Post Office relations.

Leo E. George, president of the union, offered the Assistant Postmaster General a four-point program for improved personnel relations. He suggested:

1. The Post Office Department would explain a problem that it felt needed remedy to the employee organizations.

2. The Post Office would suggest some solutions.

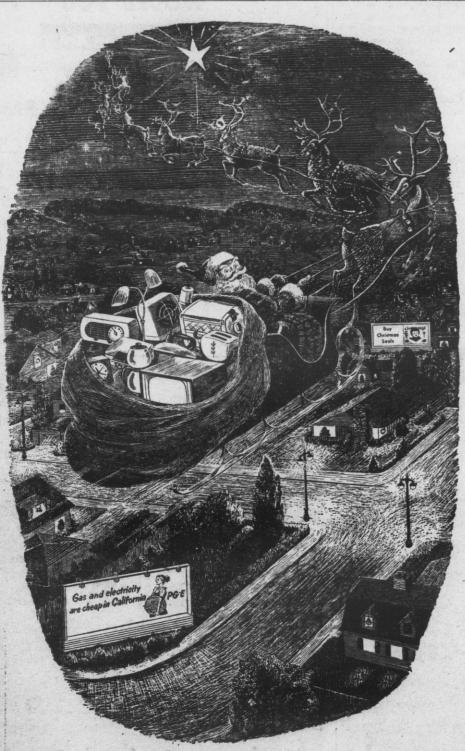
3. The employee organizations would have the opportunity to discuss these solutions and to suggest alternative ones.

4. The entire problem and the proposed solutions would be discussed by department officials and representatives of the employee organizations before final action is taken by the department.

George urged that this program be put into effect not only at the top or departmental level but in the individual post offices also.

Other NFPOC officers attending the conference with Lyons were Executive Vice President J. Cline House, Assistant Secretary-Treas-

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